

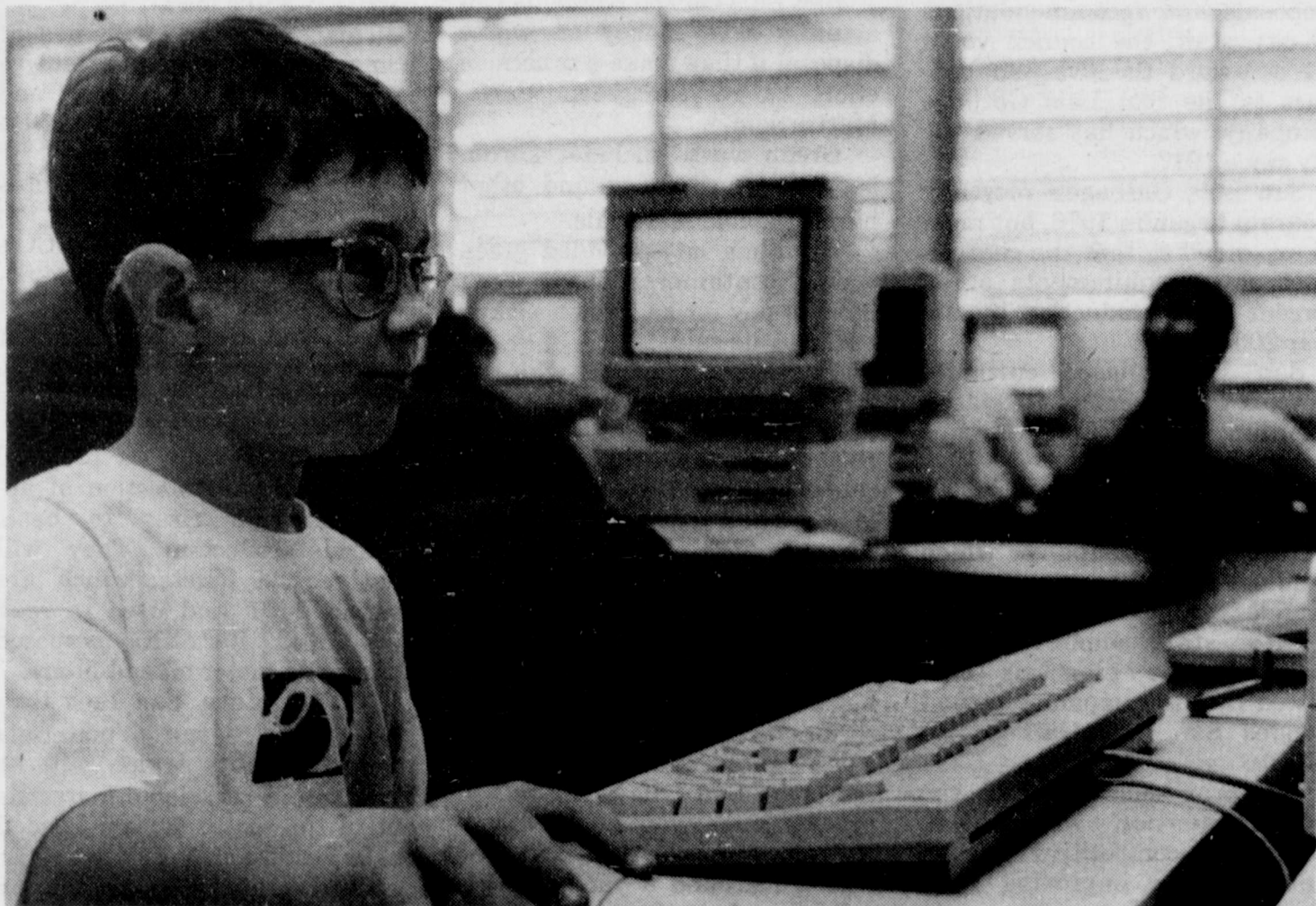
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8-year-old loves the challenge of Poly



By Jennifer Cornelius
Daily Staff Writer

Can you imagine starting your first college class on your eighth birthday? Instead of going to a slumber party with friends or to dinner with his parents, that's exactly what Tom Church did.

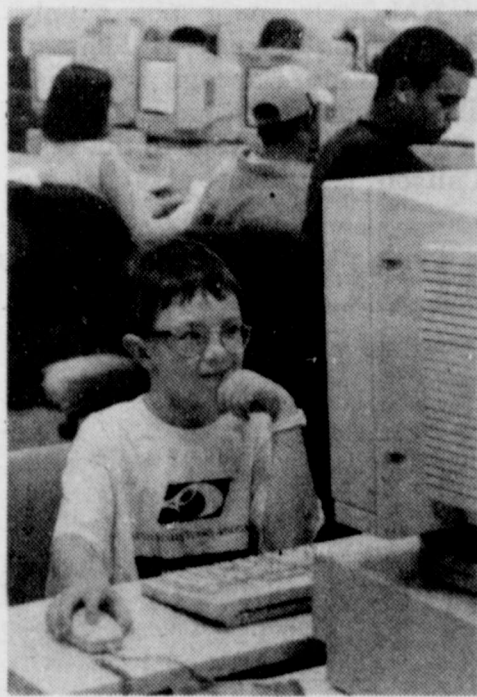
Church is taking Math 100, the equivalent of first-year algebra, at Cal Poly through the concurrent enrollment program. This program allows people in the community to take courses at Poly.

"I find the best thing about (taking the class) is that it's challenging," Church said.

Not only is he challenged by the class, he said, but the older students as well.

Church said he doesn't talk to many of the students in the class, but he was quick to point out he hasn't had much of an opportunity. Each student works individually, so unless they have questions, talking is at a minimum.

Garrett Kenehan, a teaching



Eight-year-old Tom Church is taking a Math 100 class at Cal Poly / Daily photos by Dawn Kalmar

associate at Cal Poly, teaches the Math 100 class. He said he doesn't treat Church any different than the other students. He described Church as enthusiastic, and added that

Church is very meticulous and even corrected him once in class.

Math senior Kyle Griffin, who has tutored Church, suggested he enroll in the class at Cal Poly.

"He's one of the brighter kids I've run into," Griffin said. "My biggest confirmation (on his ability) came when we had an argument whether linear interpolation is a reasonable way of approximating a logarithm."

Church argued intelligently and had legitimate facts to back up his arguments, Griffin said.

The Math 100 class is "ideal because of the computers," said Jenny Church, Tom's mother. She opted to enroll Tom in a college course rather than a high school class "because of the way it's structured on the computer," she said.

In Church's class, each student has a specialized disk so students can move along at their own pace.

She said she feels Tom is

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Regents divided; postpone vote on affirmative action

By Michelle Locke
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The University of California Board of Regents on Thursday backed away from a second showdown on affirmative action, putting off votes on challenges to their decision to drop race- and gender-based preferences.

"It was the right decision then. It's the right decision now," Republican Gov. Pete Wilson, said in urging the board not to retreat.

A joint committee considering the measures voted 12-4 to postpone indefinitely a proposal by student Regent Ed Gomez that would have rescinded the board's July 20 vote dropping race and gender as factors in hiring, contracting and admissions.

A second proposal which would have put a one-year moratorium on the new policies was postponed by its sponsor, Regent Judith Levin. That request passed by voice vote.

The July votes, seen at the time as the first major victory for anti-affirmative action forces,

were 15-10 on hiring and contracting and 14-10 on admissions.

Some on the board have said not much has changed since those votes, although the issue has haunted virtually every meeting since.

The rare appearance by Wilson, a regent by virtue of his office, was the first time he had addressed affirmative action this year. The issue, which was the centerpiece of his since-canceled presidential campaign last year, was not mentioned in his State-of-the-State address last week.

Thursday's action turned back the latest challenges but did not lay the troubling issue to rest.

The nature of the vote means both measures can be reintroduced at any time. Levin said after the vote she hopes to bring her measure back to the board in March.

She said she withdrew the measure because it was clearly headed for defeat.

"Taking another negative vote produces no good will," she said.

Earlier, a parade of students

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ASI to draft a long-term plan to deal with future

By Travis Mooney
Daily Staff Writer

In a year where talk of the Cal Poly Plan has dominated conversations, ASI is drafting a plan of its own — a plan that hopes to give long-term direction to ASI.

"Over a period of the last five years, ASI wanted to create a long-term plan," said Joshua McDonnell, a city and regional planning senior who is also the chair of the strategic plan committee.

If ASI were to create a long-term plan, it would provide the ability for new officers to continue projects that were created by the previous year's officers, according to McDonnell.

"The transition period is tough for new officers; they all come in with new goals and objectives," McDonnell said.

"The strategic plan will give ASI the ability to focus on what is already going on, instead of being stuck in the mud."

According to McDonnell, the strategic plan is designed to be a comprehensive plan that will take effect over a five year period. He said it is designed to do two things: decide where ASI wants to go in the long run, and provide a means to get there by

establishing continuity.

"A lot of ASI groups across the country have one already," McDonnell said. "It's probably something we should have done five to ten years ago."

"Right when things are starting to get done in May or April (new officers come in)," he said.

The plan will set policy, according to McDonnell, but that policy will not be "set in stone."

Committee meetings and board of directors workshops aside, ASI hopes to get feedback on the way it operates from external sources.

"We want external analysis," McDonnell said. "It can bring on a whole new set of ideas simply because it's from an external viewpoint. We currently have a focus group with the vice presidents and are looking for other groups."

ASI also plans to conduct a student survey, he said, as the plan is "student-based."

The ASI Board of Directors met last night to brainstorm and supply ideas for years when funding changes.

"Last night was the first step in a long process," said Cindy Entzi, a political science junior. "We mostly threw out ideas."

Forestry institute proposed for Cal Poly

By Rebekka Nordquist
Daily Staff Writer

Have you ever thought about planting a tree with the help of the Internet?

If you have, this is just one of the possibilities that has stemmed from the proposed Urban Forest Ecosystems Institute (UFEI) at Cal Poly.

The proposal will be reviewed by the Academic Senate this month with a hopeful recommendation for approval.

"The UFEI would give recognition on campus to what we call a center of excellence," said Wally Mark, associate dean of agriculture. "This program would

provide expertise in urban forestry on campus as well as the community."

The Society of American Foresters has defined urban forestry as a specialized branch of forestry that cultivates and manages trees for their present and potential contribution to the physiological, sociological and economic well-being of urban society.

UFEI would conduct research on urban forest issues with faculty, staff and student efforts.

"This would bring in new techniques and contacts for use in classes," Mark said. "It would also create employment and internship opportunities for under-

graduate and graduate students."

UFEI also includes extension of and technology transfers for urban forest areas and community service and outreach programs to help landowners and public agencies improve the management of urban forests. Finally, there would be student involvement in research and education activities.

Jeff Reimer, a 1994 Cal Poly graduate of Forestry and Natural Resource Management, is now doing graduate work affiliated with UFEI. He is currently developing an Internet web site

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OPINION

Guilherme DoPrado fondly remembers the days he spent in his hometown of Bahia.

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SPORTS

Cal Poly guard Shanta Cotright takes player of the week and continues to set the net on fire.

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TODAY'S WEATHER: chance of rain, light winds

TOMORROW'S WEATHER: rain expected through Sunday

Today's high/low: 60s/ 40s Tomorrow's high/low: 60s/ 40s

Environmental Council Beach Cleanup and Barbecue is taking place Saturday, Jan. 20 at 10 a.m. in the University Union. Everyone is invited to participate.

Today

The Physics colloquium is having a discussion called, "Perceptions of Sound and Music" in building 45, room 218 at 8 a.m.

Total Quality Management Symposium is taking place in the Graphic Arts building, room 209 from 9- to 11 a.m.

Upcoming

Financial Aid Sunday, a workshop to provide information about applying for financial aid, is taking place Jan. 21 at Cuesta College. Another workshop is being offered at Cal Poly Jan. 17 in Chumash Auditorium at 7 p.m. For more information, call 756-5891.

The Spanish Club film festival presents "Belle Epoque" Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. in building 33, room 286.

Betty LaDuke, artist, author and professor who has traveled to more than 20 Third World Countries, is lecturing at the Offices of the Central Coast Women's Political Committee at 6 p.m. Jan. 22. The event is free and begins with a potluck. For more information, call 756-2600.

The College of Business is having a club fair Jan. 25 from 10 to 1 p.m. in the Business building breezeway. Free food and information is available for anyone who attends. For more information, call Ryan Azus at 541-6077.

Agenda Items: c/o Natasha Collins, Graphic Arts 226, Cal Poly 93407 — Phone: 756-1796 Fax: 756-6784

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Due to the excessive demand, not all items submitted to the Agenda section will be printed.

POLICE LOG**CAL POLY— Grand Theft.**

One Nikon camera and two Nikon camera lenses, valued at \$1320.35 were reported stolen from the Fisher Science Building on Jan. 11. at 2:39 p.m.

SAN LUIS OBISPO— Excessive Noise in Public. Tony Giordano of 1124 Atascadero St. was issued a warning because of excessive people in the street on Jan. 12. at 11:03 p.m.

SAN LUIS OBISPO— Excessive Noise in Public. Teya Whitworth of 750 Chorro St. #16 was issued a warning because of excessive people on the front and back porch and loud music on Jan. 12 at 11:14 p.m.

SAN LUIS OBISPO— Excessive Noise in Public. Christopher Elmerick and Mark Siechen of 390 Chorro St. #3, #4, were issued a warning for a loud party on Jan. 12. at 11:52 p.m.

SAN LUIS OBISPO— Excessive Noise in Public. A live band and party were reported at 1527 Morro St. on Jan. 13. at 7:09 p.m. They were issued a warning.

SAN LUIS OBISPO— Excessive Noise in Public. Grant Watkins of 700 Grand Ave., was issued a warning for a loud party in the backyard on Jan. 14. at 10:01 p.m.

SAN LUIS OBISPO— Excessive Noise in Public. Morgan Hammon of 543 Hill St. was issued a warning for a loud party

and live band on Jan. 14. at 12:03 a.m.

CAL POLY— Narcotics Activity. Resident Susan Ellescas, nonresidents Ryan Wenger, Kevin Bowes and Chad Johnson were issued an incident report for smoking marijuana in Muir dormitory room 120 on Jan. 14. 10:14 p.m.

CAL POLY— Mountain Lion Sighting. A mountain lion was reportedly seen on campus near the railroad tracks on Jan. 14. at 2:38 p.m.

SAN LUIS OBISPO— Attempted Suicide. An unknown Female slashed her wrists at 765 Foothill Blvd. (Thrifty Drug Store) on Jan. 15. 2:35 p.m.

CAL POLY— Vending Machine Malfunction. Glen Altenberg reported that the coffee machine in The Cellar was "spitting out dimes" on Jan. 15. at 6:37 p.m.

SAN LUIS OBISPO— Use of Explosive and Destructive Device. An anonymous person reported that firecrackers were being set off at a fraternity house on 1624 Santa Rosa St. on Jan. 16. 1:16 p.m. When the officers arrived, it was quiet and they were unable to locate the source of noise.

The Mustang Daily reports crimes that may be of interest to the student population. We do publish the names of people over 18 charged with crimes. This does not however, imply guilt. That can only be proven by due process in a court of law.

Garbage companies battle for SLO's new recycling program

Josie Miller
Daily Staff Writer

Tensions ran high Tuesday night as two different recycling companies presented arguments to the city council regarding which should handle San Luis Obispo's recycling program.

After considering both proposals and recommendations by city staff, the council voted 4-1 to award the five-year contract to the San Luis Garbage Company, which has served the city since 1917.

San Luis Garbage's recycling program began in 1976, but must be expanded so that the city can meet state requirements of 50 percent waste reduction by the year 2000.

San Luis Obispo currently recycles 30 percent of its waste, according to San Luis Garbage Controller Tom Martin.

San Luis Garbage's main competitor for the contract was RALCCO, a company which handles recycling for Arroyo Grande.

City staff members who evaluated the proposals submitted by the companies recommended San Luis Garbage for the job.

The proposals, on which the recommendation was based, focused on competitive pricing, innovation for improving recycling and future programs to help the city meet the reduction goal.

Under San Luis Garbage's proposal, all city residents will pay \$1.40 more per month for increased recycling services,

San Luis Garbage's recycling program began in 1976 but must be expanded so that the city can meet state requirements of 50 percent waste reduction by the year 2000.

whether they recycle or not.

RALCCO's proposal would not increase resident fees at all.

San Luis Obispo residents can actually save money on waste disposal if they make a conscious effort to recycle green waste, Martin said.

Green waste includes shrubbery, lawn clippings and other biodegradable materials.

By filling city-provided green waste containers, they won't have to pay for as large a pickup package, he said.

For instance, people who pay for premium service currently fill up to six trash cans.

If they were to recycle all their green waste, they might be able to drop down to the "waste wheeler package," which is only three trash cans, and costs \$5.30 less a month.

Increased green waste recycling is essential for the city to meet reduction requirements, according to the council.

To encourage green waste recycling, San Luis Garbage will provide homeowners with 90-gallon containers that can be wheeled around a yard, making collection easier for residents.

RALCCO would not supply wheeled containers to residents.

San Luis Garbage will also allow residents to haul one load of green waste a year to the Cole Canyon treatment plant at no

cost, Martin said.

The cost for green waste disposal at the Cole Canyon plant is currently \$10 a load.

This free load will benefit homeowners who do an extensive yard cleanup once a year, and currently have to pay to recycle shrubs and other greenery.

San Luis Garbage's services will cost the city \$24.40 per ton of recyclables, while RALCCO's proposal quoted a price of \$24.55.

City staff told the council that the 15-cent difference was not significant enough to award the contract to San Luis Garbage based solely on cost.

San Luis Garbage's proposal also added the collection of appliances and tires to basic curbside collection. They will also recycle toilets, which are ground down and used in road base, and RALCCO proposed picking up motor oil and filters.

In the future, San Luis Garbage hopes to run a materials recovery facility which will be able to pull recyclable materials out of the waste stream headed to the landfill.

The materials recovery facility will concentrate on waste from construction sites and offices which throw away a lot of recyclable materials such as metal, wood and paper.

Fire leaves three students homeless

By Torea Galiardi
Daily Staff Writer

A house fire caused \$35,000 worth of damage and left three Cal Poly students homeless last week.

A former resident of the house, biology senior Matt Arterburn, said he first saw flames in the living room at approximately 12:45 a.m. on Jan. 8.

At the same time, his roommate, speech communication junior Brannon Rees, was awakened and smelled smoke. Rees yelled for their third roommate, agribusiness junior Eric Foster, to get up.

"I stood in my door and heard glass breaking," Rees said. "I wasn't sure what it was."

According to Rees, an artificial log rolled out of the fireplace, catching the living room rug on fire. The frame of the fireplace wasn't totally on the screen.

The three escaped without harm through the bathroom window and telephoned the fire department.



Three Poly students were left homeless after a fire destroyed much of their house last week / Daily photo by Joe Johnston

The fire department took longer than expected to reach the house at 467 Ramona St., because there was another fire in the area, Rees said.

Meanwhile, the waiting residents battled the flames with garden hoses and threw belongings out the front window.

Most of the fire damage is in the front room, but the smoke in-

filtrated the house, damaging personal belongings. The men are covered under their parents' insurance policies, they said.

"They lost their living room and everything else," said business senior Aaron Taub, a friend of the residents. San Luis Obispo fire Capt. Mike Hogan said that neither of the house's two smoke detectors worked.

Reagan won't go to birthday celebration

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Former President Reagan, suffering from Alzheimer's disease, will not attend a major celebration for his 85th birthday.

"He does not make public appearances any longer," said

spokeswoman Lynda Schuler, adding that he was "doing very well."

Former first lady Nancy Reagan will be on hand, however.

The celebration on Feb. 6 will take place in the building that once housed the famed Chasen's restaurant, which will reopen for

the occasion. Among those expected to participate: former President Ford and Colin Powell.

Reagan announced his diagnosis in November 1994 in an emotional, handwritten letter. It was then, Schuler said, that Reagan decided not to make any more public appearances.

"He still leads an active life... but he made a decision that he will lead a private life," she said.

Reagan celebrated his 84th birthday in private with family and friends.

Correction

The Jan. 17 issue of Mustang Daily misspelled Major John Bachmann's name in the article featuring the appointment of ROTC's first female battalion commander Suzie Burrow. Mustang Daily regrets the error.

Clinton to deliver State of the Union

By Terence Hunt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Deadlocked with Republicans over a balanced budget, President Clinton will confront a hostile Congress when he delivers his State of the Union address Tuesday. His election-year message: All sides must face up to America's real problems of crime, education and the economy.

The speech will open Clinton's 1996 campaign and preview the themes he will throw against his Republican rival.

The budget battle will loom over Clinton's address, which comes just three days before the expiration of a temporary measure keeping much of the government open. However, presidential spokesman Mike McCurry said the budget won't be Clinton's primary focus.

"In a sense, he will make the budget fight seem puny by talking about the things that have a much more direct impact on the lives of Americans," McCurry said.

Everyone agrees it would be an exercise in futility for Clinton to ask the Republican Congress to approve a lengthy list of initiatives.

Still, he is expected to offer ideas dealing with the economy, education, crime and the environment. He also is expected to renew his call for a campaign against teen pregnancy — a crusade he promised in last year's address, only to let fade away with his failed nomination of Dr. Henry Foster as surgeon general.

Last year, soon after taking control of Congress, the Republicans booed Clinton's speech. The mood is sure to be

worse this year after a year of hot tempers, angry battles and veto struggles.

One thing seems certain: Clinton's address won't be as long as last year's 81-minute marathon. Republicans happily ridiculed it as too long, and the White House doesn't want to give them another easy shot.

On the budget, the president will argue that Congress and the White House should put aside their disputes and lock in a deal with what the administration claims are \$740 billion in agreed-upon savings.

"It is wrong for us to defer this because of disagreements that are not necessary to resolve in order to have a balanced budget or a modest tax cut," Clinton said Thursday, a day after Republicans called off budget talks with the White House.

Republicans portray Clinton as the barrier to a budget deal and hope to make that the focus of the November election. "We'll take it to the voters rather than make a bad budget deal," said Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, the front-runner for the GOP presidential nomination.

Clinton solicited speech ideas from political scientists at White House dinners. Other suggestions were invited from a cross section of Americans — from radio humorist Garrison Keillor to Boston University president John Silber — and their ideas were compiled in a green book for Clinton.

"The principal theme is, 'Look, setting aside all this bickering, we've got some big challenges facing us as America goes into the 21st century,'" McCurry said.

Clinton's focus away from the titanic budget struggle is, of

Medicaid, the environment and education.

With low inflation and low unemployment, Clinton will be able to boast about the economy and declare it sound.

After running on a pledge of creating 8 million new jobs in his first term, the president is well ahead of schedule, with 7.8 million new jobs in the economy since he took office in January 1993.

Foreign policy also will be important in Clinton's address. He can point to progress in Northern Ireland, the Middle East and Haiti. And Clinton is sure to bring up his trip to Bosnia last weekend, visiting American troops and celebrating the U.S.-brokered peace.

In truth, State of the Union addresses generate a lot of hyperbole but usually are quickly forgotten.

Two years ago, for example, the big news was Clinton's vow to veto any health-care overhaul that did not cover every American. It was an empty threat since Congress refused to pass any bill.

Last year, Congress ignored Clinton's calls for a line-item veto, anti-terrorist legislation, a boost in the minimum wage and approval of a major arms pact with Moscow.

At his request, lawmakers approved a major welfare overhaul, but Clinton vetoed it as too extreme — further endearing himself to liberals already happy over his stands on affirmative action and other issues.

Windy storm dumps half-foot of snow on Redding, shuts down I-5

Associated Press

A blustery winter storm dumped six inches of snow on Redding Thursday, closing dozens of schools, temporarily shutting down Interstate 5 and cutting power to more than 6,000 homes and businesses.

The reduced visibility resulted in numerous fender-benders on the rain-slicked streets, but no serious injuries were reported, the Highway patrol said.

The unusual storm, accompanied by winds gusts of up to 50 mph, sent snow swirling into the city about 160 miles north of Sacramento. About three inches of snow fell by noon, and three more inches fell by early evening. The storm system headed down the northern Sacramento Valley.

Coastal areas also experienced high winds. A spokesman for San Francisco International Airport said incoming flights there were delayed up to three hours and outbound flights had a two-hour wait amid 44 mph wind gusts.

"Our weather combined with what's going on in the Midwest starts to add up. That just compounds the problem here,"

spokesman Ron Wilson said. There were cancellations of West Coast commuter flights to Seattle, Los Angeles and Monterey.

Most of the power outages were attributed to lines hit by snow-laden trees, said Bill Roake, a spokesman for Pacific Gas and Electric Company. He added that the storm's fury was focused on the northern valley.

"The areas hit the hardest is the valley near Redding and the surrounding areas. Hardly anything else has been hit except that lower valley area. What we're waiting for now is that storm to move down the valley," he said.

High winds and snow forced the closure of Interstate 5 along a 20-mile stretch north of Redding for most of the day, but the vital north-south artery was reopened about 3 p.m.

Highways to the east, west and north of town had chain controls; only roads to the south did not require snow chains, although the CHP warned that conditions could change quickly.

FOREST: Tree species information on the Internet

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called SelecTree.

what trees would grow."

Reimer said they hope to have 1,600 different tree species available on the web site.

"This program will allow cities to match tree species with their specific needs," Reimer said. "They would enter soil types and chemical characteristics, growth zones and the area they are from. The input would match

"An advantage to having the electronic information is that it can be updated day to day, unlike a book," Reimer said. "This is also the only program available so far on the Internet."

CHURCH: His mother saw signs of brilliance right from the beginning

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ready for this class, but doesn't think that an 8-year-old could, should, take just any class.

"I don't believe that if he can take a college course, he should she said.

A government class, when they discuss mature issues wouldn't be appropriate for Tom on a social or academic level, she said.

Physically, Tom looks like a ordinary child, but intellectually "it didn't take long to figure out he wasn't normal," she said.

He read spontaneously, at age 2. He learned his alphabet at age 2. He was able to put letters into groups, but it took him a while to form real words, she said. By age 3, he was reading Bobbsey Twins books and Encyclopedia Brown books at age 4.

Tom's mom first realized his

course, dictated by political reality.

If there were a budget agreement, it would be the centerpiece of his speech and he would celebrate it as a historic achievement. Lacking accord, the president does not want to dwell on a failure in an address regarded as the opening shot of his re-election campaign.

The speech will present "a lot of the ground on which the election is fought," presidential adviser George Stephanopoulos said.

Translation: Clinton will stake out big differences with Republicans on Medicare and de-gree in history from Cal Poly. She said she feels home schooling doesn't hurt Tom intellectually or socially because his home-school group interacts with other groups. It's an advantage, she said, because interaction with

different age groups is more like everyday life.

She said Tom "interacts well with people his own age," and she tries to make sure he isn't put into an uncomfortable situation.

Tom agreed that he isn't missing out on anything.

"I'm getting a lot more things (out of home-schooling), except for school activities and field trips," he said. Although Tom displays amazing intelligence, his 8-year-old side is not lost. He enjoys playing sports, including soccer and basketball. He plays the piano and has taken a liking to spinning yarn into wool, weaving and knitting.

Tom may be quick academically, but like many of us, he isn't quite as eager to tackle housework and clean his room. And, she said, he doesn't like to brush his hair.

REGENTS: Students threaten trouble until regents reverse last July's vote

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and their professors had pleaded for and demanded the return of affirmative action.

"Do the right thing," sociology professor Dana Tagaki of UC-Santa Cruz told the regents, urging them to rescind their July 20 vote.

"What's at stake here is nothing less, I believe, than a vision of race, equality and democracy in American society," she said.

Tagaki spoke as part of a two-hour presentation by faculty upset over the July vote, which was taken over the objections of the presidents of all nine UC campuses.

Faculty say that violated a university tradition under which regents and faculty practice

"shared governance," over the system. The academic senates of

all UC campuses have voted to ask the regents to reverse the decision.

Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat who also serves as a regent by virtue of his office, said he would have liked to see the board take a vote.

"I was disappointed that the board essentially stifled the faculty," said Davis, one of the four who voted against postponing Gomez' proposal. "At least they should have given the faculty the courtesy of an up-and-down vote."

The meeting got off to a strident start. A series of students assailed the regents and then were arrested when they spoke

longer than the one-minute time-limit.

Student speakers warned regents that they would have no respite unless they rescinded.

"You will find only stormy days ahead," warned Joel Tena, UC-Davis student.

Ten students were arrested, cited for disturbing a public meeting and trespassing and released. As students were led away by campus police officers, they slapped an orange-and-black sticker reading "Reclaim our Education," over their mouths in a symbolic gesture.

Another student was arrested during the discussion on the proposals challenging the July vote.



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COLUMN

Cal Poly: cheap compared to UC

by Paul J. Zingg

Student fees are in the news again at the state level and also in local discussions about the Cal Poly Plan.

The following data might be useful to the campus, then, in showing Cal Poly's relative position when state university fees at this institution are compared to tuitions at other public universities.

Average resident undergraduate tuition at public, four-year universities across the nation reached \$2,696 in 1994-95, according to the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.

This figure is \$1,112 more than Cal Poly's state university fee of \$1,584.

Among the 101 public, four-year universities in the Western region, the average resident undergraduate tuition charged during the 1994-95 academic year was \$2,274, the Commission report states.

Cal Poly's state university fee is \$690 lower.

As the CSU did not raise state university fees from last year to this and many universities did, the difference is even greater between what they now charge and the present state university fee at Cal Poly.

The Commission analysis also shows that Cal Poly's state university fee is \$364 less than the average of \$1,948 in tuition costs last year at the 37 "comprehensive universities and colleges" in the Western region.

Cal Poly is defined as a "comprehensive university." Other categories in the Commission report are research universities, doctoral institutions, specialized schools and liberal arts colleges.

In discussing costs, I am aware that Cal Poly students also pay \$491 annually in other campus fees for such things as the Student Union and health services.

These funds, however, do not contribute directly to the University's central operating budget, and most other universities levy comparable campus fees.

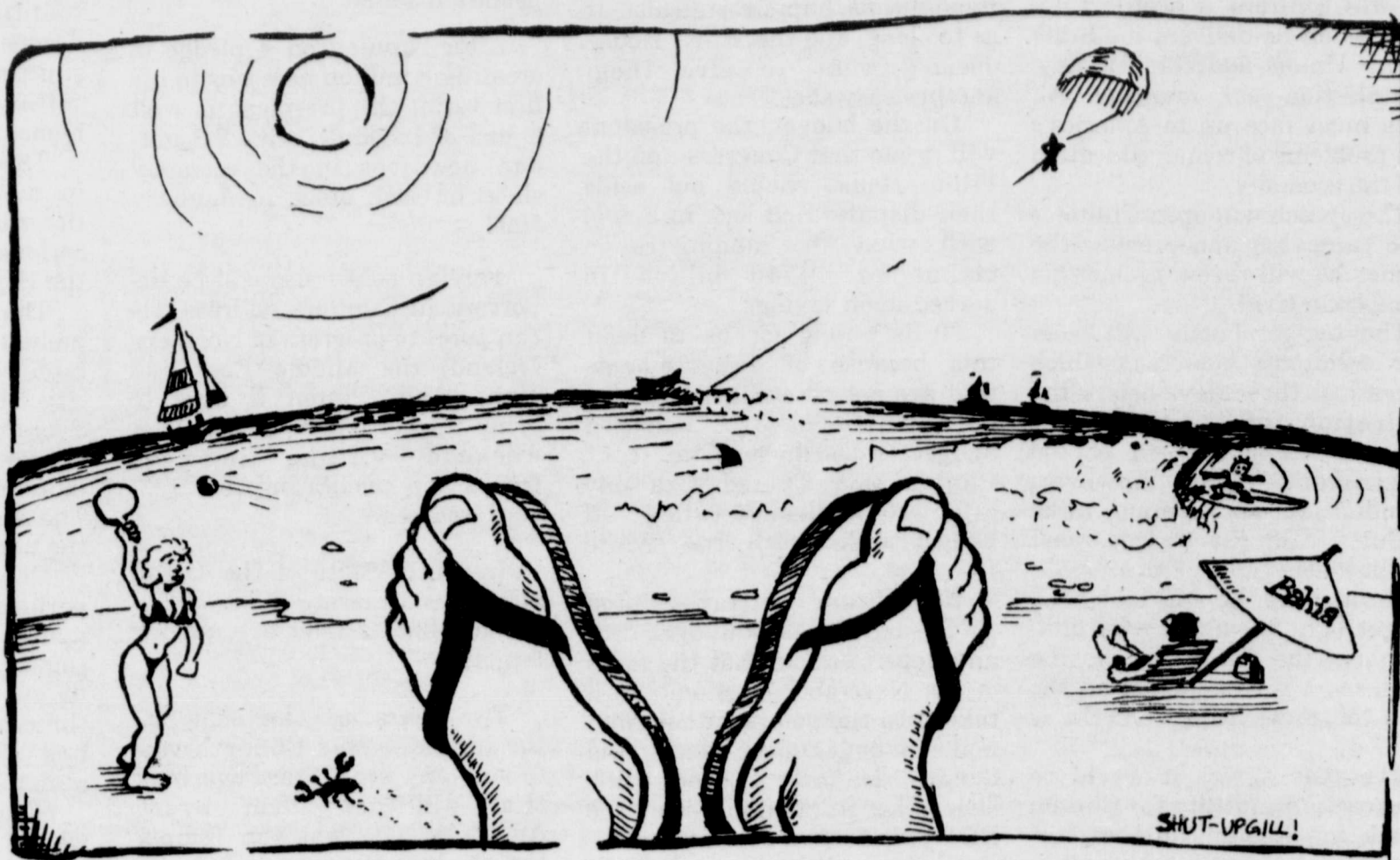
In looking at a student's total expenses, I understand that living costs can vary considerably depending on a university's location. San Luis Obispo is a particularly high cost region for housing.

Returning to the issue of fees that directly support a student's education, there are some of the average resident tuition charges for last year presented in the Commission report. All listings from the 1994-95 report that fall below Cal Poly's current state university fee are included.

- Colorado School of Mines: \$4,596
- University of California (nine universities): more than \$4,000
- Oregon (three universities): \$3,122
- Washington and Washington State: \$2,907
- Colorado and Colorado State: \$2,686
- South Dakota and South Dakota State: \$2,443
- North Dakota and North Dakota State: \$2,369
- Utah and Utah State: \$2,202
- Montana and Montana State: \$2,193
- Alaska (three universities): \$2,040
- New Mexico and New Mexico State: \$1,932
- Wyoming University: \$1,908
- Arizona (three universities): \$1,894
- Nevada, Reno and Las Vegas: \$1,740
- California State (1995-96): \$1,584
- Hawaii University: \$1,557
- Idaho (three universities): \$1,543
- Idaho, Lewis-Clark State College: \$1,412
- Hawaii (two "other institutions"): \$1,120

Paul Zingg is the interim vice president for academic affairs.

COMMENTARY



Home to Bahia

By Guilherme DoPrado

More than two years have passed since I last visited my home country that I love, dream and talk about so much. It was the longest time I had spent away.

Brazil (Brasil is the right way to spell and pronounce it) is a land of many contrasts. She is four centuries of history, modern and eternal, baroque and dancing, the capital of happiness and social opposites.

I spent my first week in Sao Paulo, Brazil's business center, where 15 million people move back and forth working, buying, selling, crying, begging and fighting 24 hours a day. Being used to San Luis Obispo's small town atmosphere, I was amazed. Sometimes I felt like I was in New York City. Sometimes I felt like grieving in shantytowns poorer than anything imaginable. In Sao Paulo, rich people are really rich and poor people are really poor.

I knew not to expect punctuality nor efficiency; everything in Bahia is done with a lot of ceremonies. But I was sure to find a lot of happiness there.

Nevertheless, the experiences I want to share with you started after that first week when I traveled to my hometown, Salvador de Bahia, the piece of land where Europe and Africa meet to have fun. She was founded in 1549, and was the first capital of South America. Almost all Brazilian art and music comes from Bahia, making her a phenomenal city. I knew not to expect punctuality nor efficiency; everything in Bahia is done with a lot of

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In Bahia, everybody dances — in the streets, bars, balconies, restaurants, commercial establishments and on the beaches. In Bahia, people don't need good manners, but good health to stay up every night dancing and drinking as everyone else does.

The climate is warm but never too warm — 85 degrees day and night all year long. So I also enjoyed the most beautiful beaches one can dream of. Her 450 miles of coastline offered white sand, coconut trees, clear sea water, fresh water lagoons, plenty of seafood, rain forests and welcoming locals.

In addition to all that, there is the food. Bahian food is classified by many as elaborate as French cuisine, and visiting my relatives was a feast because every Bahian is proud of our cuisine and want every visitor to have plenty. I danced, went surfing, ate a lot and enjoyed my relatives and friends as I needed after so long. As all that happened, I realized how much I love the land and the people I call mine, and that's why I wanted to share all this with my peers here at Cal Poly.

But please don't get me wrong. The education and experience I'm getting here is extremely valuable to me, but the moment I got back to the States, I felt like sharing my feelings with others because I'm sure that if anyone here is willing to have a good time, the place to go is Bahia. Ah, Bahia...

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LETTERS

Cal Poly: not a free market

Editor,

I read Jason Plemons' column "How 'bout that Poly Plan?" in Wednesday's Daily (Jan. 17) and was struck by his astonishment at the less-than-ideal state of Cal Poly. He wrote, "The ultimate aspect of the equation is that we, as students, are the customers buying an education from the state. The state, however, seems to be decreasing the quality of its product, yet charging more each year."

With that statement, he compares the state-run school to a capitalist business. That is an error. Any time a government steps into any market, the rules change. Cal Poly cannot be analyzed by supply and demand, competition or any other capitalistic concepts. It, like any other government-affected system, is controlled by absolute majority rule. What about those who are not part of the majority? Too bad. (I do not mean racial majority, but rather conceptual majority.)

Cal Poly is not a business; it is a state institution. Going out of business or attracting more customers is not Cal Poly's major concern; complying with the Governor or the state senate (i.e. the majority) is. President Baker is not a chief executive officer, but rather an administrator of taxes. A business does not get paid until the individual chooses to buy its product or service. At Cal Poly, most of the education cost for an individual has already been confiscated by the government through various taxes.

Plemons shouldn't be alarmed that Cal Poly's policies deviate from capitalism. The benefits of a true capitalistic market (variety, economy, individual choice to buy or not buy) simply don't come from a government controlled market. One is guided by individual choices; the other is majority rule.

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From left: architecture junior Scott Neville, computer science graduate student Dave Lewicki and architecture junior Mica Beving don't mind showing off on Dexter Lawn / Daily photo by Elda M. Palma

Russian troops 'wipe out' rebels; 82 hostages survived the assault

By Chris Bird
Associated Press

KEMSI-YURT, Russia — Boris Yeltsin declared a bitter victory Thursday over Chechen rebels: They were wiped out by Russian troops and most of their hostages survived an assault that turned a tiny village into a wasteland of cinders and corpses sprawled in snowy ditches.

His account, which attempted to put a humiliating and politically costly episode in the best possible light, could not be independently confirmed. Other government and military officials said fewer hostages lived through the barrage and some rebels survived.

Photographers allowed into Pervomayskaya after the four-day assault found bloodied bodies lying in makeshift bunkers alongside rows of rifles and stacks of ammunition boxes. Those images may bolster Yeltsin's image for taking a tough line against well-armed rebels — or they may increase the perception that the country is on the brink of chaos and the Chechen war is a mistake.

There was no immediate reaction from rebel forces to Yeltsin's remarks and it was not clear if they had reached rebel sympathizers who were holding a Turkish ferry hostage and threatening to kill the Russians aboard.

Trying to explain why a huge Russian force took so long to defeat a band of no more than 250 rebels, Yeltsin claimed the village masked a giant underground rebel base with concrete gun emplacements. The claim about Pervomayskaya, a remote hamlet of simple brick houses, seemed highly unlikely.

Chechen separatists humiliated Russia last week when they slipped past the border into the neighboring Russian republic of Dagestan, seizing hostages to press their demand that Moscow pull its troops out of Chechnya.

After a five-day standoff in Pervomayskaya near Chechnya's border, Russian troops stormed the village on Monday, unleashing their tanks, artillery and helicopter gunships on the gun-

"We have taught (rebel leader Dzhokhar) Dudayev a sound lesson ..."

Boris Yeltsin
Russian leader

men surrounded there.

On Thursday, Yeltsin said his forces had killed the gunmen and would now go after rebel leaders who have resorted to taking hostages and attacking Russian towns in their fight for independence from Russia.

"We have taught (rebel leader Dzhokhar) Dudayev a sound lesson, and now it is necessary to deliver strikes on Dudayev's strongholds ... to put an end to terrorism on Russian soil," Yeltsin said.

Saying they had given up hope of saving more hostages, the Russians stepped up their bombardment of Pervomayskaya on Wednesday, seemingly intent on destroying it. Russian jets, tanks and artillery pounded the village with hundreds of shells and rockets for hour after hour.

But Yeltsin said 82 of the hostages had been rescued by Thursday afternoon, and that 18 hostages were still missing but "must be presumed alive."

Yeltsin said 26 Russian troops and all of the rebels were killed "unless some are hiding underground." The Interfax news agency reported that the bodies of 153 rebels were found in and around Pervomayskaya and 28 gunmen were taken prisoner.

A hostage who escaped on Thursday told the ITAR-Tass news agency that he had been forced to bury killed rebels. "There were a lot of them," Ali Aliyev said.

Another, Niyamuddin Amrakhov, said hostages were also forced to dig trenches, carry ammunition and act as human shields for their Chechen kidnappers during the Russian assault.

Russian authorities have given widely different and often contradictory estimates of the number of gunmen and hostages involved, and senior military officials claimed several times earlier this week that the rebels had murdered most of the hostages.

Shortly before Yeltsin made his claims, Russian authorities

said 42 hostages had been freed. Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin had implied the remaining hostages were dead.

"In the village of Pervomayskaya, as of Wednesday night, there are no more hostages," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported Chernomyrdin as saying. He gave no details.

Gen. Mikhail Barsukov, head of the Federal Security Service, said troops found no dead hostages in Pervomayskaya, despite the huge government bombardment, although he added that rebels may have buried some bodies.

He said he did not know whether the rebel band's leader, Dudayev's son-in-law, Salman Raduyev, was killed.

The hostages were among up to 3,000 people Chechen gunmen seized Jan. 9 in the nearby city of Kizlyar, to dramatize their demand for a Russian troop withdrawal from their republic.

Most of the hostages were freed the next day, but rebels herded several dozen onto buses to use as human shields. Russian troops stopped them late that day in Pervomayskaya, just short of Chechnya's border.

Repeated Russian attempts to capture the village failed in the face of bitter Chechen resistance.

Russian helicopter gunships and artillery resumed the attack on Pervomayskaya on Thursday after about 70 separatist fighters tried unsuccessfully to break out of the destroyed village in the early morning darkness.

The rebels' attack early Thursday morning apparently caught the Russian forces by surprise and it took them several hours to halt the rebels.

Chechen reinforcements wearing white arctic fatigues tried to reach their comrades, the Interfax news agency said. Some escaped back into Chechnya, but many were killed, the agency reported.

Bosnian leaders urged to exchange prisoners; deadline set for Friday

By Brian Murphy
Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — On his first visit to Bosnia since the signing of the Balkan peace accord he helped deliver, a top U.S. envoy urged the government Thursday to meet a looming deadline for releasing POWs.

"Will there be 100 percent compliance?" asked Richard C. Holbrooke, Assistant Secretary of State for Europe. "Tune in."

Holbrooke pressured Bosnian leaders to agree to free prisoners of war by the Friday deadline set in the peace accord signed last month in Paris. The Muslim-led government has refused to surrender its prisoners until rebel Serbs account for about 20,000 people the government lists as missing. Most Bosnians believe those people are dead.

The release of about 900 POWs is the pact's first milestone, along with the withdrawal of factions from front lines to create a 2 1/2-mile buffer zone. The troop pull-back appears to be proceeding well toward Friday's deadline, but failure to swap prisoners could overshadow that success.

"We are insisting on full compliance," Holbrooke said after meeting with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic. He did not say what consequences the government could face for refusing.

Holbrooke was in Sarajevo with envoys from the major powers overseeing the peace process: Germany, Russia, France and Britain. He later flew to Belgrade, where he met with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

He stressed that the issue of missing soldiers and civilians should be confronted after the first POW release. According to a list compiled by the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Bosnian government and the Serbs each hold more than 400 POWs, and the Bosnian Croats about 100.

A Red Cross official also appealed for the POW releases to come before an accounting of missing people. "Linking the missing and prisoner releases can only be to the detriment of the prisoners who are waiting to get out," said Jacques de Maio.

But Bosnian Foreign Minister Muhamed Sacirbey continued to demand access to Serb prisons and suspected mass grave sites in Serb-held territory. He has insisted that Serbs violated the peace plan by failing to provide a full list of prisoners.

Dragan Bulajic, the Bosnian Serb responsible for the prisoner exchange, said the government's demand undermined the peace agreement. He pledged Serb cooperation with international agencies in tracking down the missing after the POW exchange.

"If we pass this test, there is a real chance for peace to come to this region," he told the Bosnian Serb news agency SRNA.

In contrast, the troop withdrawal seemed to be going smoothly. NATO officials are convinced that all sides will meet the midnight Friday (6 p.m. EST) deadline.

Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Walker, a NATO commander, said NATO officials would meet Saturday morning to assess compliance. But even if the pull-back is complete, NATO-led soldiers generally will not patrol buffer zones because of the millions of mines buried throughout Bosnia, Walker said.

Foot patrols will be only in mine-free areas. Otherwise, peace-enforcing troops will man checkpoints and surveillance stations, and conduct aerial observation. Lightly armed local police will be allowed in buffer zones only with NATO approval.

Walker said the NATO-led force will not be used to force entrance to alleged prison and work camp sites — at least not until the withdrawal is complete.

NATO officials also said that most Islamic warriors, or mujahedeen, who fought with government troops would be out of Bosnia by the week's end. Sixteen mujahedeen left through Zagreb, Croatia, on Thursday. Another 100 were expected to leave.

A senior NATO official said about 100 mujahedeen would likely remain in Bosnia — some of whom acquired passports, got married or began working for Islamic humanitarian organizations.

Islamic fighters from abroad came to help the outgunned Muslim-led government army after the war broke out in April 1992. At one time, an estimated 800 mujahedeen battled Serb and Croat forces.

Also Thursday, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic continued his appeal for stronger international protection of Sarajevo's Serbs.

Serbs have lobbied unsuccessfully for an extension of the March 19 deadline for Sarajevo to be unified under a Muslim-Croat federation. After bombarding the capital for four years, Serbs fear retribution when their neighborhoods are turned over to their enemies' control.

Roads from Sarajevo to Pale, which will remain under Serb control, were jammed again Thursday with fleeing Bosnian Serbs.

"With good will from all sides, we can find a substantive solution without altering the (peace) agreement," Karadzic said before meeting with other Bosnian Serb officials in Pale, just southeast of Sarajevo.

The commander of the NATO-led mission, U.S. Adm. Leighton Smith, said Wednesday that his troops cannot become "a police force" for the capital. "But our forces will be visible out in the areas," he said, "and they will provide at least a modicum of security."



SWIMMING: Cal Poly's swim teams have been plagued with injuries and illness this season

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some of the reasons why there is no diving team. Depending on the meet format, the Mustangs have to concede as much as 18 or 32 points for the two diving events even before anyone actually hits the water.

The Lady Mustangs travel to Malibu Saturday to face a formidable Pepperdine team. Last year, the two teams faced each other in a sprint meet in Irvine.

"Pepperdine has a number of good sprinters," Firman said. "We tend to be better at the 200 (meter) races as a team. (This

year) we'll be open to compete against them in the 200 distances and the meet will be a lot tighter."

The men's team will be back in action with the women when the team takes on Cal State Northridge Jan. 27. This will be the final meet before the Big

West Conference Championships, Feb. 22-24.

Kiedrowski, Gagnon, senior Kelli Quinn, and freshman Jodie Snowbarger all have chances of placing at the Big West Championships, where the women's squad placed sixth out of nine teams last year.

The men, meanwhile, hope to

improve on their last place finish last year with help from Pyka, freshman Eric Wyles, and sophomore Sean Fatooh.

"We'll do a lot better in the conference championship than last year," Masi predicts. "We know what to expect, plus we've done well this season against Big West opponents."

BASKETBALL: Cotright enjoys playing wing

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responsiveness courses," making him ineligible for the whole season.

Despite the fact that the college doesn't even offer correspondence courses, Cotright said, the NCAA still turned down two appeals.

"We didn't take all of the proper avenues," conceded Cotright, who ended up having to watch his team go 1-26 last year.

Cotright finished his sophomore year with one less year of eligibility, and nothing to show for it.

"Some unfortunate things have happened to him," said junior Damien Levesque.

Levesque pointed out that Cotright still boosted the team's morale as much as he could from off the floor.

"I heard from him a thousand times, saying, 'I'm sorry I couldn't be out there,'" Levesque said.

Cotright returned to the floor just in time to experience renewed hope for the team, and an aggressive new coaching style by Head Coach Jeff Schneider.

With the new style came new players, like freshman point guard Ben Larson, and a new

position at wing for Cotright — a place where he feels just as much at home as his old point position.

He used to play the wing back at Washington Prep High School, and feels it's where he belongs.

"The transition wasn't really that bad," Cotright said, and he is happy he's being allowed to drive to the hoop more, and not worry about staying back.

"Shanta has done an excellent job," Schneider said. "It's like having a second point guard on the floor."

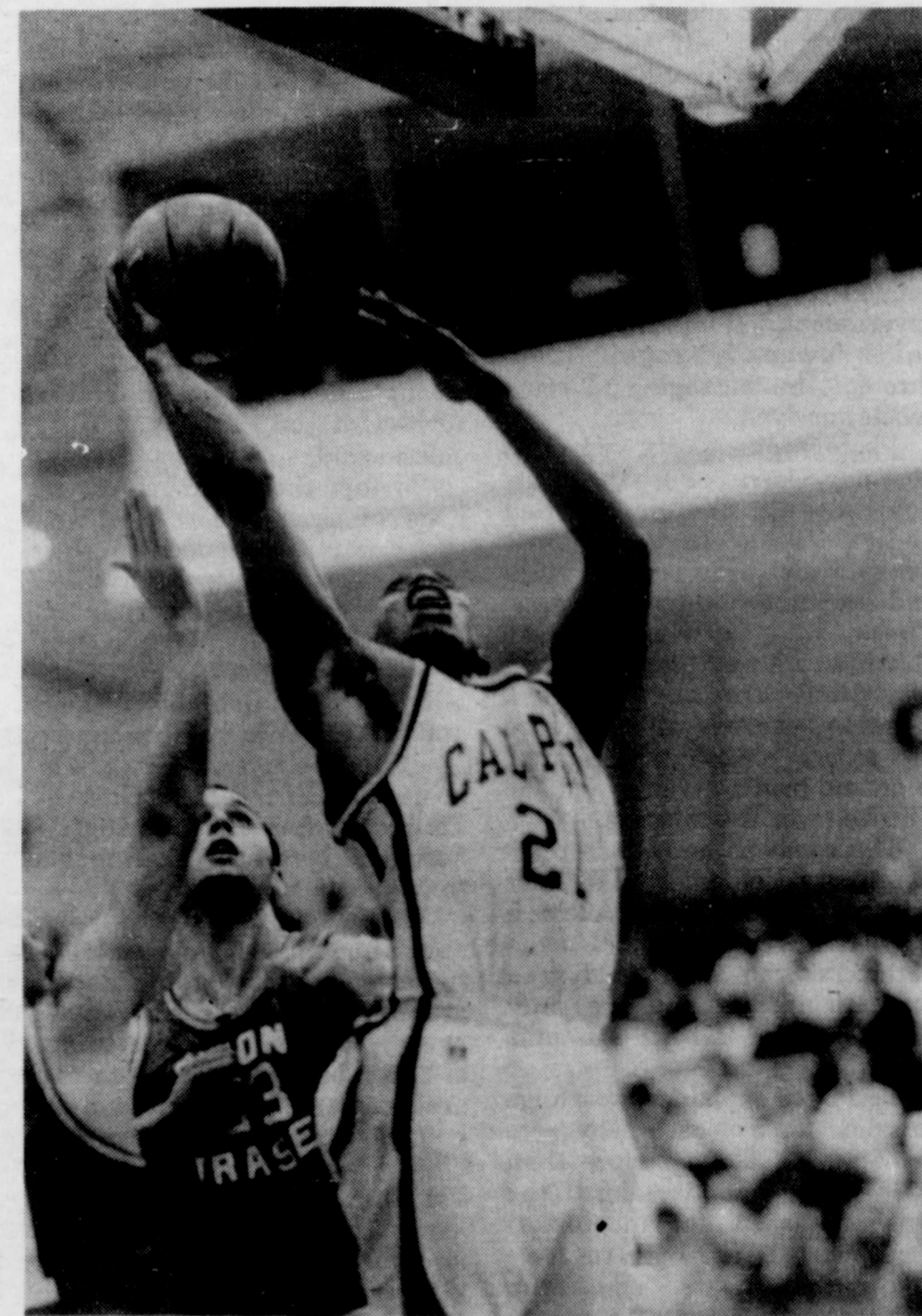
Cotright believes that Schneider's aggressive attitude is the biggest reason for their success so far this year.

"If he still had eligibility, one of us on the team wouldn't be starting," Cotright said.

The "point forward," as Schneider calls Cotright, is eager to predict the team's future, unlike many who balk at predictions or promises.

Cotright virtually guarantees a spot for Cal Poly in the National Intercollegiate Tournament next season, at the very least, and probably won't even be satisfied then.

"You never want to be content as an athlete," Cotright said, but he can sit and be happy for just a little while.



Shanta Cotright returned to the basketball courts in Mott Gym after being deemed ineligible by the NCAA / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

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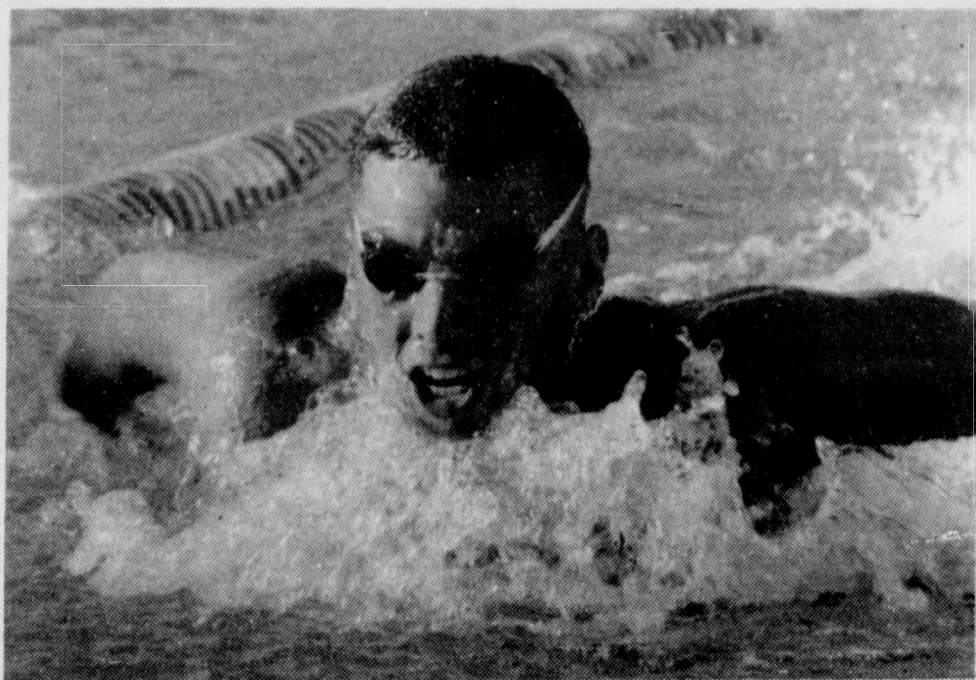
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The men's swim team won't swim this weekend / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

Swim teams meeting expectations

By Peggy Curtin Daily Staff Writer

Despite spending most of their meets in opposing team's pools, the Cal Poly men's and women's swim teams are well ahead of expectations.

"The teams are doing very well so far this year," Head Coach Rich Firman said. "We're competing against some of the best teams in the country, and we're holding our own."

The women's team scored impressive victories recently over UC Davis and San Jose State, and although the men lost to the UC Davis Aggies, several people have had outstanding performances.

Sophomore Ian Pyka placed third in the 500-meter freestyle at the Irvine Invitational, and scored the team's lone win in the men's 169-62 loss last Friday to Davis.

Krista Kiedrowski continued her string of good finishes by picking up one second, and three first-place finishes at Irvine, and dominating her competition at Davis, winning the 200-meter backstroke, 200-meter individual medley, and swimming the opening leg of the first place 200-yard medley relay.

Freshman Jackie Gagnon also finished first in the 200 and 500-meter freestyle, and second in the 100 and 200-meter freestyle in the women's two victories.

However, the season has not been without its fair share of problems. Both teams have been plagued by injuries and poor health, forcing some swimmers to swim more events.

"(The meets are) definitely hard because we never know who is going to swim what event," said junior Leisha Masi. "Physically, it's draining and mentally, everyone's down. We're just trying to regroup."

Another problem is the total absence of Poly divers for both squads.

Poor conditions of the diving boards at the Mott Gym Pool and the lack of a diving coach are

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Gretzky center of attention for upcoming NHL All-Star game

Boston (AP) -- Wayne Gretzky has been the center of attention at many NHL All-Star games. He will be again Saturday night -- in more ways than one.

The Los Angeles Kings' star, who usually faces a media crush at these games, is expected to get more than the usual attention because of his current dealings with his team's management.

Gretzky will be a free agent after this season and right now, he's not happy to be a King. He probably won't be wearing a Kings' uniform after this season, unless management meets his demands to acquire another quality scorer and defenseman to make the team more competitive.

Otherwise, Gretzky has said, he wants to be traded so he can realize his dream of winning another Stanley Cup before he retires. He has four, all with the Edmonton Oilers before he was traded to Los Angeles in 1988.

Earlier, Gretzky had given the Kings a "deadline" to get his situation straightened out by the All-Star game. The Kings' management is working under its own schedule.

Teams are seemingly lining up for Gretzky, the most prominently mentioned the St. Louis Blues, Toronto Maple Leafs, and New York Rangers. Not that the Kings are anxious to deal hockey's all-time leading scorer and most prominent player.

Always the classiest of athletes, Gretzky has uncharacteristically gone public this time to emphasize his point. He said during an interview on a national sports cable network that he wouldn't mind playing with the Blues because of Brett Hull. Gretzky and Hull are close friends. Hull would like nothing better.

"Who wouldn't want to have the opportunity to play with Gretzky?" said Hull, who in fact played with the Great One at the All-Star game in Philadelphia in 1992.

For now, Hull will just have to be content to play with Gretzky on the Western Conference All-Star team against the Eastern Conference at the Fleet Center.

Gretzky will start at center and Hull will play right wing. Vancouver's Pavel Bure had been voted by the fans to be the starting left wing for the Western Conference, but was sidelined for the season with an injury. He will be replaced by Anaheim's Paul Kariya.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If he still had eligibility, one of us on the team wouldn't be starting."

Shanta Cotright

Cal Poly guard about men's basketball coach Jeff Schneider

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Stone-Faced Success

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Shanta Cotright doesn't want to smile too much, if at all.

The junior guard recently tied a Cal Poly men's basketball points-per-game record against George Mason last Saturday by scoring 43. Cotright is averaging 17 points per game this season, with a field-goal average of 52 percent. These performances have scored Cotright his second American West Conference Player of the Week honor this month.

But he's trying to pretend not to enjoy it, since the Mustangs are currently on a three-game losing streak.

"The individual part of it is good," admitted Cotright, but he said he would like it a lot more if team wins came along with the honors.

This season for Cotright, however, is definitely a step in the right direction for him and the team.

Four years ago, the Los Angeles native stepped into Mott Gym with big plans for Cal Poly basketball.

Dreams of awards, national recognition, screaming crowds and visions of postseason domination danced in his head.

Then the reality of Cal Poly basketball elbowed him in the face.

"I had some unrealistic expectations," Cotright said of his first year in Mott Gym. "But as I've grown, I've put it all in perspective."

After redshirting one year, Shanta stepped in and had what many would call a great season in Division II basketball. Cotright led the Mustangs during the 1993-94 season with an average of 15.7 points per game, and scored what was then a career-high 26 points during the season. He also dished out more assists than any other Cal Poly player in 10 years.

But the team was anything but dreamy. Led by then Head Coach Steve Beason, Cotright said that the team's goals weren't very high-reaching compared to this year.

"We weren't really out to win," Cotright said, and he felt that Beason aimed more for learning from each game, knowing that the transition to Division I basketball would be rough.

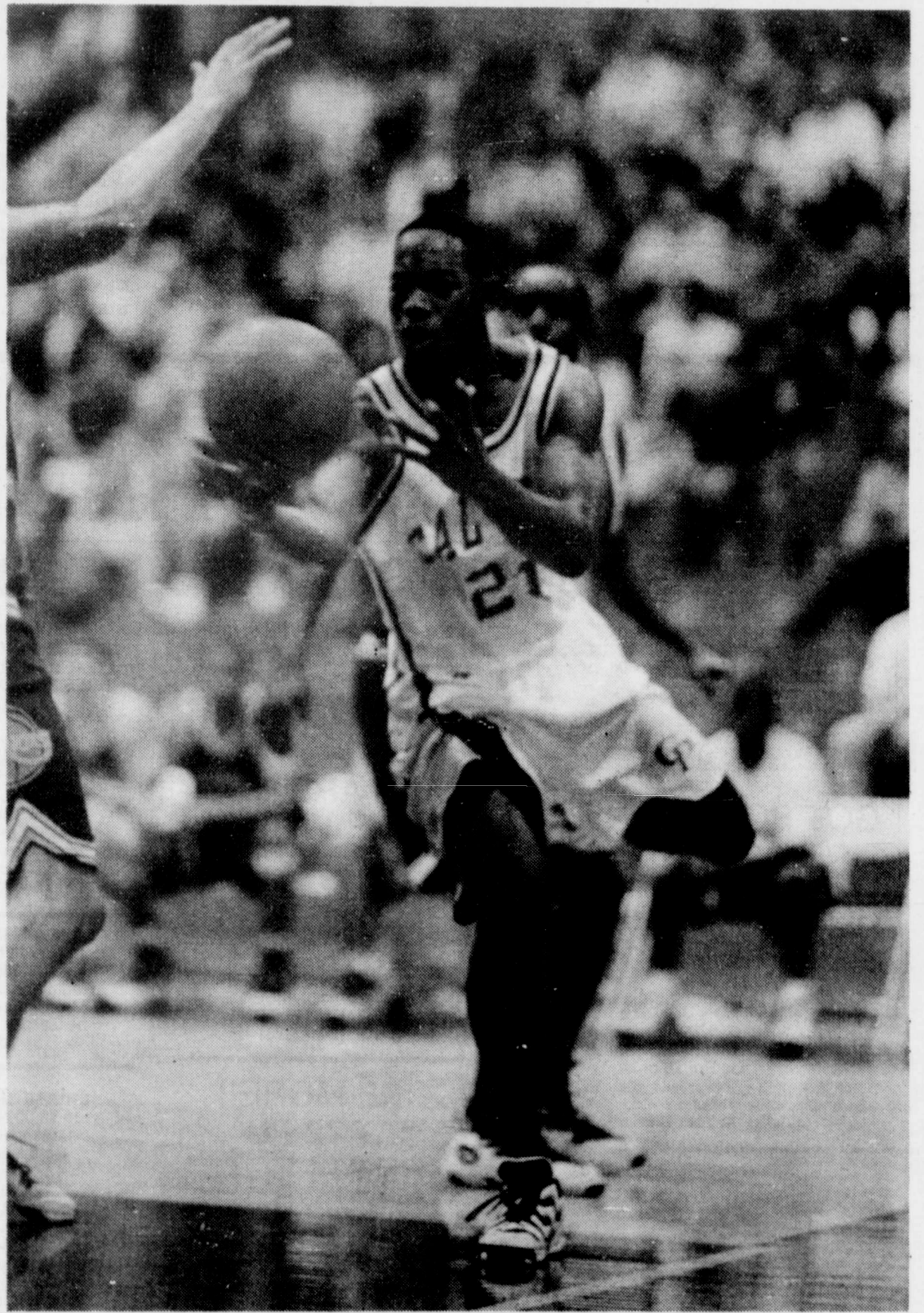
The team just wanted to survive.

The dreams then faded into a nightmare the following season for Cotright.

After finding out he needed six more units to be eligible for the 1994 season, Cotright, who was spending time with his mother near Las Vegas, enrolled in summer school at the College of Southern Nevada to take care of the necessary units.

Cal Poly accepted the courses, and Cotright thought he was home-free. The NCAA felt differently, however, and ruled that his summer school classes were "cor-

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Shanta Cotright broke a Cal Poly points-per-game record with 43 and was voted American West Conference Player of the Week earlier this week / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar

Cal Poly blessed with a win

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The Cal Poly women's basketball team, blessed on "church night" in Mott Gym, picked up its second win of the season against the NAIA Cal Baptist Lady Lancers.

Christina Carrillo led the Mustangs to 67-53 win with a school-record 15 assists. Rona Bevien made a sizable contribution of her own to the win with 10 rebounds and a career-high 14 points.

"We're working together finally," Bevien said. "We dominated a team that needed to be dominated."

With a 33-22 half-time lead, Carrillo and Katie Bauer sparked a 9-0 run to start Poly's electric second-half. The run began with a lay-up by Bauer, followed by a field goal and three-pointer by Carrillo, and ended with the Mustang's taking the biggest lead of the game at 42-22.

"We are totally a second-half team," Bauer said. "We have to get the feel for the other team."

A spurt of points from the Lady Lancers with ten minutes left in the game jeopardized a win, but two baskets from Mustang Nicole Taylor clinched the lead for good.

Cal Poly out-rebounded Cal Baptist 49-36, and shot 42 per-

cent from the floor.

Although the win was a confidence booster, problems still riddle the Mustangs' offense, most notably turnovers. A majority of Cal Baptists' 23 steals resulted from nonaggressive passes.

"We do more to ourselves, than other teams do to us," Coach Karen Booker said.

Mustang senior Kellie Hoffman was honored as American West Conference Women's Player of the Week.

Hoffman, currently Cal Poly's leading scorer, also leads the AWC conference in three-pointers for the season with 31.

"It is a nice honor to have," Hoffman said. "But it doesn't matter until we start AWC."

The Mustangs will open American West Conference play on Friday against Cal State Northridge (2-14).

The Northridge Matadors are 10-5 in conference openers.

The Matadors sport a young team with 11 underclassmen, one junior and three seniors. Matador senior Carrie Dormire scored a career-high 23 points against Cal Poly last year.

After the Mustangs' second win, Booker remains optimistic about the conference opener.

"I hope our team will go in believing it's a team we can beat," Booker said.



The women's basketball team hopes to beat Cal State Northridge this weekend and add another win to its current 2-14 record / Daily photo by Dawn Kalmar